

REMARKS

The Related Applications paragraph has been amended as requested by the Examiner to provide the patent number for the parent application to which priority is claimed. No new matter is introduced.

Claim 1-54 are pending in the application. In the Office Action at hand, those claims are rejected.

In particular, Claims 1-54 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patent as being unpatentable over Claims 1-8, 17, 19, 21, 32-38, 40, 41 and 43 of Patent No. 6,647,982. In response to the double patenting rejection, the Applicants concurrently file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which overcomes the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Claims 1-54 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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